



MICHIGAN
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
ELECTIONS

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

10:30 a.m.

Room 308 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Elections was called to order by Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Heise, Jacobsen, Kesto, Driskell, Irwin and Hoadley.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

Representative Jacobsen moved to adopt the minutes from the **Wednesday, April 27, 2016**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chair Lyons laid **HB 5744, HB 5745, HB 5746** and **HB 5747** before the committee:

HB 5744 (Nesbitt)	Elections; scheduling; May regular election and August regular election; eliminate and replace with March regular election and June regular election.
HB 5745 (Nesbitt)	Elections; scheduling; reference to May election date in the revised school code; revise to March election date.
HB 5746 (Nesbitt)	Elections; scheduling; reference to August primary election in 1851 PA 156; revise to June primary election.
HB 5747 (Nesbitt)	Elections; scheduling; reference to August primary election in the revised judicature act of 1961; revise to June primary election.

TESTIMONY

Representative Nesbitt, sponsor of HB 5744, HB 5745, HB 5746 and HB 5747, explained his bills to the committee.

Questions and discussion followed.

Sara Bydalek, City Clerk of Walker and **Chris Swope**, City Clerk of Lansing, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, testified indicating neutrality on the bills.

Questions and discussion followed.

Lawrence Kestenbaum, Washtenaw County Clerk, testified in support of the bills.

Questions and discussion followed.

The following person submitted a card but did not wish to speak:

Mike Batterbee, representing the Michigan Secretary of State Office, indicated neutrality on the bills.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Representative Lisa Lyons, Chair
House Standing Committee on Elections
Malika Abdul-Basir
Committee Clerk
517-373-7256
46 Minutes